



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 372

Hearing Date: February 14, 2001

Committees On: Appropriations and Health and Human Services

Introducers: (Kruse)

Title: Change mental health service provisions and the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

16	Yes	Senator Jensen, Wehrbein, Byars, Pederson, Beutler, Cudaback, Engel, Hilgert, Suttle, Thompson, Price, Kruse, Foley, Cunningham, Maxwell and Erdman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Lowen Kruse
Denis McCarville
Susan Boust
Roger Keetle
Ken Klaasmeyer
Sister Norita Cooney
Ann Schumacher
Dr. Patrick Brookhouser
David Holmquist

Representing:

Introducer
Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska
Self
NE Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Richard Young Center
Alegent Health
Alegent Health
Boys Town National Research Hospital
Citizens for Health NE & American Cancer Society

Opponents:

Jill Rubottom
Mark Welsch

Representing:

Region V
G.A.S.P.

Neutral:

Rex Holsapple
Sheryl Scherepf

Representing:

State Investment Officer
Nebraska Behavioral Health Coalition

Topher Hanson

Dr. Ted DeLaet

Terry Workman

Krynn Buckley

Carol Boye

Aleisa McKinlay

Doris Lassiter

Pat Lopez

Sheila Bjerrum

Chuck Stepaneck

Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health
Organizations

Nebraska Psychological Association

AARP

Nebraska Medical Association

Community Alliance

NE Advocacy Services

Nebraska Minority Public Health Association

Nebraskans for Public Health

Nebraskans for Public Health

Nebraska Nurses Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The bill relates to the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act. The bill requires the Director of Finance and Support to amend the contract with the state's Medicaid mental health managed care provider to pass through provider rate increases for inpatient mental health services and acute or intensive residential care mental health services under the Medicaid mental health and substance abuse program. The director is required to request rate increases according to the federal Health Care Financing Administration hospital input price index for the most current fiscal year. The bill requires a credit of five million dollars in future tobacco settlement revenues to the Medicaid program (\$2.4 million in FY 2001-02 and \$2.6 million in FY 2002-03) to fund the required rate increases.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Roger R. Wehrbein, Chairperson

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson